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9	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT			
10	FOR THE CENTRAL DIS	TRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
11	TICKETMASTER L.L.C., a Virginia	GSV 1.3 = 07630 - CASC		
12	limited liability company,	COMPLAINT FOR:		
13	Plaintiff,			
14	vs.	(1) BREACH OF CONTRACT; (2-3) COPYRIGHT		
15	HIGS TICKETS, INC., a Massachusetts corporation, HIGS CITYSIDE	INFRINGEMENT (17 U.S.C. § 101, et seg.); (4-5) VIOLATION OF DIGITAL		
16	LICKEIS, INC., a Massachusetts	MILLENNIUM COPYRIGHT		
17	corporation, JOHN HIGGINS, PATRICK HIGGINS, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,	ACT (17 U.S.C. § 1201, et seq.); (6) FRAUD; (7) AIDING AND ABETTING		
18	Defendants.	FRAUD; (8) INDUCING BREACH OF		
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24	Plaintiff Ticketmaster L.L.C.	("Ticketmaster") alleges the following		
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COMPLAINT

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the federal claims in this Complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sections 1331 and 1338(a), and has jurisdiction over the other claims in this Complaint under California law pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1367(a).
- This Court also has subject matter jurisdiction over all of the claims 2. in this Complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sections 1332(a) because the parties are diverse and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.
- Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sections 3. 1391(b) and 1400 in that a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims occurred in this judicial district, and Ticketmaster's principal place of business is In addition, the Terms of Use that govern the within this judicial district. relationship between the parties provide for venue in state or federal court in Los Angeles County for disputes relating to the granting of a conditional license for use of Ticketmaster's website, which is the subject of this lawsuit.

SUMMARY

Ticketmaster sells tickets for entertainment and sports events to the 4. general public on behalf of its clients through a variety of means, including its website, ticketmaster.com. To meet the demands of consumers and its own clients, Ticketmaster strives to provide an equitable ticket distribution system that affords all consumers a fair opportunity to acquire the best available tickets for events. To that end, the Terms of Use for Ticketmaster's website prohibit the use of robots and other automated devices that give users of such devices an unfair advantage in searching for and buying tickets. The website itself, in turn, employs a variety of security features, including a feature commonly known as CAPTCHA that is designed to detect automated devices and prevent them from accessing the website and purchasing tickets in violation of the Terms of Use. Nonetheless, some users of

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the website manage to evade those security features and use automated devices to the detriment of Ticketmaster, its clients, and the general public.

- 5. In that regard, Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendants John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 have been using automated devices to access and navigate through Ticketmaster's website and improperly procure tickets for the purpose of reselling them at a profit through one or more websites of defendants Higs Tickets, Inc. and Higs Cityside Tickets, Inc. (collectively, "Higs Tickets"), and through other means. In doing so, these defendants inundate Ticketmaster's website with page requests and ticket reserve requests far in excess of amounts allowed under the Terms of Use. Indeed, these defendants often make hundreds of thousands of page requests per day, and at times have made as many as 350,000 page requests in a single 24-hour period. As part of this conspiracy to circumvent Ticketmaster's security measures through the use of prohibited automated devices, these defendants surreptitiously attempt to conceal their identities by using a variety of account names, email addresses, physical addresses, Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, and credit cards.
- 6. Ticketmaster is also informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Does 7-10 have assisted Higs Tickets and the individual defendants by creating, marketing and providing automated devices that are designed to interact with Ticketmaster's website, and also by providing ongoing assistance in the use of those devices to breach the website's Terms of Use. Although Ticketmaster continues to upgrade its security features, Does 7-10 continue to create or employ new devices or methods designed to circumvent those newly designed security features.
- 7. These deceptive and improper actions are harming Ticketmaster as well as consumers who seek to lawfully purchase tickets through Ticketmaster's website. The use of automated devices, which can access and navigate a website and complete tasks and transactions far more quickly than human users can,

deprives legitimate consumers of the opportunity to purchase tickets through Ticketmaster, a problem that is compounded when, as here, users of these devices purchase tickets in quantities far in excess of contractual per customer ticket limits. The use of automated devices also circumvents Ticketmaster's technological copy protection systems and results in the improper and unlicensed copying of pages from the website. In addition, the use of automated devices alters data on the website and interferes with the website's operation, increases Ticketmaster's operational costs, deprives Ticketmaster, its clients and its advertisers of various revenue streams, and drives existing and potential customers away from Ticketmaster by making it more difficult for them to obtain the tickets of their choice through Ticketmaster.

8. Ticketmaster therefore asserts claims against Defendants for breach of contract, copyright infringement, violations of the federal Digital Millennium Copyright Act, fraud, inducing breach of contract, and intentional interference with contract. As relief, Ticketmaster seeks an injunction, compensatory damages, punitive damages, disgorgement of Defendants' ill-gotten gains, imposition of a constructive trust, and recovery of attorneys' fees and costs incurred by Ticketmaster to prosecute this lawsuit.

THE PARTIES

- 9. Plaintiff Ticketmaster L.L.C. is a Virginia limited liability company with its principal place of business in Los Angeles, California. The sole member of Ticketmaster L.L.C. is Live Nation Entertainment, Inc., a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Beverly Hills, California.
- 10. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant Higs Tickets, Inc., is a Massachusetts corporation that is located in Boston, Massachusetts.

- 11. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant Higs Cityside Tickets, Inc., is a Massachusetts corporation that is located in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 12. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant John Higgins is an individual who resides in Boston, Massachusetts and is the President and owner of Higs Tickets, Inc. and an officer and director of Higs Cityside Tickets, Inc.
- 13. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant Patrick Higgins is an individual who resides in Boston, Massachusetts and is an officer and director of Higs Tickets, Inc.
- 14. The true names, residences and capacities, whether individual, corporate or otherwise, of defendants Does 1 through 10 are unknown to Ticketmaster, and Ticketmaster therefore sues those defendants under such fictitious names. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each Defendant was, and is, an agent and employee of the remaining Defendants, and in doing the things alleged herein, was acting within the course and scope of such agency and employment and with the knowledge, consent and approval of the other Defendants. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each Defendant is responsible in some manner for the acts alleged herein and for the damages that Ticketmaster has sustained. Ticketmaster will further amend this Complaint to show the true names and capacities of Does 1-10 when they are ascertained.
- 15. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that at all times mentioned herein, each Defendant conspired with, acted in concert and active participation with, and aided and abetted every other Defendant in committing the wrongful acts alleged in this Complaint. Ticketmaster is further

Rule 19-1 of the Local Rules of the Central District of California imposes a limit of ten Doe defendants. Ticketmaster will seek leave to add defendants if the current number the number of Doe defendants turns out to be insufficient.

informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each of the Defendants knew, or consciously avoided knowing, that the other Defendants were engaged or intended to engage in conduct that violated Ticketmaster's rights and also violated federal and California law.

FACTS

A. <u>Ticketmaster Attempts To Make Its Ticketing System As Fair And Equitable As Possible For Consumers.</u>

- 16. Ticketmaster distributes tickets for live entertainment events to the general public on behalf of its clients, who are venues, promoters, entertainers and sports franchises. Ticketmaster sells tickets via retail ticket outlets, telephone call centers, and Ticketmaster's website, www.ticketmaster.com. Ticketmaster spends substantial time, energy and resources attempting to ensure that its website is current, accurate, easy to understand, and easy to use for the benefit of its clients and the public.
- 17. Demand for tickets sold through Ticketmaster, including via ticketmaster.com, often exceeds the supply of tickets available for purchase. Because Ticketmaster may only sell tickets that its clients have released to Ticketmaster for sale, Ticketmaster cannot expand or adjust the supply of tickets at any given time to meet the demand. Moreover, Ticketmaster's clients set the price of the tickets sold through Ticketmaster, and they oftentimes set those prices below market. All of these factors can inspire intense competition among consumers and others to purchase tickets to the same event when the tickets become available for sale on ticketmaster.com.
- 18. Recognizing this competitive reality, Ticketmaster has undertaken various measures to make the ticket buying process as fair and equitable as possible for consumers. For example, Ticketmaster attempts to regulate the speed with which users may copy the web pages necessary to search for, reserve, and purchase

tickets on ticketmaster.com. At its clients' request, Ticketmaster also limits the number of tickets that may be purchased in any single transaction.

19. In addition, Ticketmaster has undertaken substantial measures intended to prevent the use of computer programs or other automated devices—sometimes called software robots or "bots"—which can give users of such devices an unfair advantage over human consumers in the ticket purchasing process. One of those measures is a security computer program, commonly known as CAPTCHA ("Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart"), that is designed to distinguish between human users and automated devices. When a user submits a ticket request, a box appears on the screen with random characters partially obscured behind hash marks, which the user is instructed to retype in order to proceed with the ticket request. Most automated devices cannot decipher and retype the random characters, and thus cannot proceed past that screen to complete a ticket transaction.

B. <u>Use Of Ticketmaster's Website Is Conditioned on Contractual Terms Of Use.</u>

- 20. Permission to view and use ticketmaster.com by any member of the public is, and at all relevant times has been, conditioned on the user's agreement to Terms of Use that are set forth on the website. (A copy of Ticketmaster's current Terms of Use is attached hereto as Exhibit "A.")
- 21. To ensure that users are aware of and consent to the website's Terms of Use, the Ticketmaster website repeatedly and systematically alerts users to the existence—and the content—of the Terms of Use. For example, at all relevant times, the home page for ticketmaster.com has stated that, by continuing past the home page, users consent to the Terms of Use for the website. The phrase "Terms of Use" in that statement on the home page is, and has been, a readily visible hypertext link to the Terms of Use themselves that, when clicked, causes the full Terms of Use to appear on the user's screen. The same message and related

- 22. Furthermore, to purchase tickets through ticketmaster.com, users have always been required to set up an account with Ticketmaster, and in doing so, users have been instructed to review the website's Terms of Use. At all relevant times, it has been necessary as part of the account set-up procedure for the user to expressly consent to the Terms of Use by clicking a button labeled "Accept and Continue." (A copy of the current version of the webpage with the "Accept and Continue" button as part of the account set-up procedure is attached hereto as Exhibit "B.")
- 23. In addition, to complete a ticket purchase, users must click a "Submit Order" button at the bottom of a Payment page. The "Submit Order" button is located directly above a statement that says, "By continuing past this page, you agree to our Terms of Use," and embedded in this statement is a hyperlink that, when clicked, causes the Terms of Use to appear on the user's screen. (A copy of the current version of the Payment webpage with the "Submit Order" button as part of the ticket purchase procedure is attached hereto as Exhibit "C.")

C. The Terms of Use Grant a Limited License to View the Website and Prohibit Abusive Use of the Site.

24. Ticketmaster's website is a work of authorship protected by copyright law. *See Ticketmaster L.L.C. v. RMG Tech., Inc.*, 507 F. Supp. 2d 1096 1104-11 (C.D. Cal. 2007). Ticketmaster (or its predecessors) has registered versions of its website or portions thereof, with the Copyright Office. These copyright registrations include the following:

1	<u>Title</u>	Registration No.	Date of Registration
2 3	Ticketmaster.com: Online Order Search	TX-5-067-039	May 30, 2000
4	Ticketmaster.com: Order Information	TX-5-067-040	May 30, 2000
5 6	Ticketmaster.com Website Homepage, Event Ticket Order Pages	TXu-1-348-580	May 22, 2007
7 8	Event Ticket Order Validation Code	TXu-1-348-581	May 22, 2007
9	Event Ticket Order Limiting Code	TXu-1-348-582	May 22, 2007
10 11	Ticketmaster Interactive Seat Map Version 2012	TX-7-628-432	January 25, 2013

- 25. As described above, users who wish to purchase tickets through ticketmaster.com must navigate through a series of pages on the website by clicking on designated hypertext links on those pages. Viewing Ticketmaster's homepage and clicking on the hyperlinks to reach the various other pages that must be viewed to purchase tickets from the website causes copies of each of those pages to be created and to appear on a user's computer.
- 26. The current version of the Terms of Use (Ex. A hereto) includes a section called Ownership of Content and Grant of Conditional License. That section states in part as follows:

We grant you a limited, conditional, no-cost, non-exclusive, non-transferable, non-sub-licensable license to view this Site and its Content to purchase tickets as permitted by these Terms for non-commercial purposes only if, as a condition precedent, you agree that you will not:

• Use any robot, spider, offline reader, site search/retrieval application or other manual or automatic device, tool, or process to retrieve, index, data mine or in any way reproduce or circumvent the navigational structure or presentation of the Site or its contents, including with respect to any CAPTCHA displayed on the Site. . . ;

 Use any automated software or computer system to search for, reserve, buy or otherwise obtain tickets, tm ticket cashTM, promotional codes, vouchers, gift cards or any other items available on the Site, including sending information from your computer to another computer where such software or system is active;

 Take any action that imposes or may impose (in our sole discretion) an unreasonable or disproportionately

large load on our infrastructure;

 Access, reload or refresh transactional event or ticketing pages, or make any other request to transactional servers, more than once during any threesecond interval;

• Request more than 1,000 pages of the Site in any 24-hour period, whether alone or with a group of

individuals;

• Make more than 800 reserve requests on the Site in any 24-hour period, whether alone or with a group of individuals;

 Reproduce, modify, display, publicly perform, distribute or create derivative works of the Site or the

Content:

• Use the Site or the Content in an attempt to, or in conjunction with, any device, program or service designed to circumvent any technological measure that effectively controls access to, or the rights in, the Site and/or Content in any way including, without limitation, by manual or automatic device or process, for any purpose.

27. That section of the Terms of Use further states as follows:

This license is expressly conditioned on your preexisting agreement to comply with, and your actual compliance with, each of the provisions described in this Ownership of Content and Grant of Conditional License section. This license exists only so long as you strictly comply with each of the provisions described in this section. Any use of the Site or Content by you or anyone acting on your behalf that does not strictly comply with each and every provision in this section exceeds the scope of the license granted to you herein, constitutes unauthorized reproduction, display, or creation of unauthorized derivative versions of the Site and Content, and infringes our copyrights and other rights in the Site and Content. You will not acquire any ownership rights by using the Site or the Content.

28. Thus, any use of the website that violates any of the various prohibitions in the Terms of Use—for example, using robots, spiders and other automated devices to improperly navigate the website and request, reserve and purchase tickets, making any other attempts to circumvent technological measures

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- exceeds the scope of the user's limited copyright license. Although the Terms of Use have been revised from time to time, for at least the past ten years every version of the Terms of Use has contained substantially similar prohibitions on the use of automated devices and other abusive use of the website.
- 29. The Terms of Use also limit the number of tickets that a user may purchase for an event. At all relevant times, the Terms of Use have contained a hyperlink to, and have expressly incorporated, Ticketmaster's Purchase Policy. The hyperlink to Ticketmaster's Purchase Policy is easily visible and readily accessible in the first paragraph of the Terms of Use. Clicking on the "Purchase Policy" hyperlink causes the full Purchase Policy to appear on the user's screen.
 - 30. The current version of the Purchase Policy states as follows:

Number of Tickets per Customer, or Ticket Limits. When purchasing tickets on our Site, you are limited to a specified number of tickets for each event (also known as a "ticket limit"). This limit is posted during the purchase process and is verified with every transaction. This policy is in effect to discourage unfair ticket buying practices.

- 31. Previous versions of the Purchase Policy have contained a substantially similar provision.
- 32. In sum, at all relevant times, the Terms of Use, including the Purchase Policy, have prohibited users from, among other things, using bots and other automated devices to access and navigate the site and conduct transactions, abusing the Ticketmaster system with excessive requests for web pages, including reserve requests, and purchasing tickets in excess of the per customer ticket limit.

D. <u>Defendants Have Been Systematically Misusing And Abusing Ticketmaster's Website.</u>

33. Based on information that Ticketmaster has discovered, compiled, and analyzed, Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6, have been using or assisting in

the use of automated devices to navigate through ticketmaster.com and to purchase large quantities of tickets. A substantial volume of ticket purchases that implicate the use of automated devices has been made through accounts in the name of John and Patrick Higgins that are linked to credit cards, email addresses, web browser identification numbers, and Ticketmaster customer numbers and accounts that relate back to those defendants.

- 34. It is unclear at this point whether John and Patrick Higgins have both used automated devices to make purchases themselves, or whether one or of them has knowingly allowed the other to use his identity, credit and debit cards, and Ticketmaster accounts to make such purchases, but both of them are liable in either event. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that other persons associated with Higs Tickets, Inc. and/or Higs Citywide Tickets, Inc. (collectively, "Higs Tickets") who are currently unknown to Ticketmaster are assisting John and Patrick Higgins in acquiring tickets from Ticketmaster through the use of automated devices. Those persons are named in this Complaint as Does 1-6.
- 35. Ticketmaster's records show that during at least the past year, the Higginses and Does 1-6 have often made more than 100,000 page requests on Ticketmaster's website per day. In fact, on some days the number of requests has exceeded 300,000. And, as part of this scheme, these defendants have engaged in subterfuge through the use of multiple IP addresses, credit cards, and email addresses in an effort to conceal their identities and to conceal the location of these automated devices.
- 36. Ticketmaster's records also show that these defendants have repeatedly and systematically made more than 800 reserve requests in applicable 24-hour periods—at times exceeding 50,000 reserve requests in a day—and have accessed, reloaded or refreshed transactional events or ticketing pages and made other requests to transactional servers more than once during applicable 3-second

- 37. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that many of these purchases involved ticket quantities in excess of stated per customer ticket limits, and that most if not all of these wrongfully acquired tickets were purchased for the commercial purpose of reselling them for a profit through various means, including the Higs Tickets website.
- 38. Throughout the course of their misconduct, the Higginses and Does 1-6 had ample opportunity to review Ticketmaster's Terms of Use, and they repeatedly assented to those terms, expressly and impliedly. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that these defendants not only expressly assented to the Terms of Use when creating various online accounts, but that they regularly visited, or oversaw other persons in visiting, the website, and during each visit they have been reminded of the Terms of Use and have been invited to review them. They also expressly reaffirmed their assent to the Terms of Use when completing purchases of tickets.
- 39. The misconduct of the Higginses and Does 1-6 has been facilitated by Defendants Does 7-10. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Does 7-10 have been developing, marketing and selling software applications that enable users like the Higginses and Does 1-6 to employ automated devices to unlawfully and improperly access Ticketmaster's website and quickly purchase large quantities of tickets in violation of the website's Terms of Use. These automated devices are designed to, and do, circumvent CAPTCHA and other security measures on Ticketmaster's website.
- 40. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Does 7-10 visited ticketmaster.com with the commercial purpose of developing their computer programs, and that they repeatedly visited the Ticketmaster homepage and ticket purchase pages and thus were repeatedly reminded of the

- governing Terms of Use each time they viewed a ticketmaster.com webpage. Ticketmaster is also informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Does 7-10 purchased tickets on ticketmaster.com when testing their computer programs, and thus clicked on the "Accept and Continue" button on the ticket purchase page with each purchase. Each and every viewing of the ticketmaster.com homepage and purchase page caused a copy of both pages to be created on their computers.
- 41. Throughout this course of misconduct, the Higginses and Does 1-6 have attempted to evade Ticketmaster's efforts to prevent the use of prohibited devices. Although most automated devices cannot decipher and retype the random characters generated by the CAPTCHA security program utilized on ticketmaster.com, and thus cannot proceed past that screen to complete a ticket transaction, some automated devices are designed to circumvent CAPTCHA, and Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that these defendants have been using (or substantially assisting in the use of) such devices for at least the past year.
- 42. The Ticketmaster system sometimes can detect the presence of an automated device, and when that occurs, the system generates a message to the user explaining that the use of automated devices is prohibited. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that its system has generated such messages in response to automated devices used by the Higginses and Does 1-6. However, those defendants have ignored these messages and instead have continued to use automated devices to navigate through the Ticketmaster website and wrongfully acquire tickets.
- 43. The Ticketmaster system also can temporarily disable an automated device when such a device is detected. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that its system has from time to time temporarily disabled automated devices used by the Higginses and Does 1-6. However, Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that in each such instance, those

- defendants simply deployed a new automated device from a different application server and/or IP address and continued with their unauthorized use of the Ticketmaster system.
- 44. Ticketmaster diligently tries to identify users of prohibited automated devices, but some users of these devices go to great lengths to deceive Ticketmaster. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the Higginses and Does 1-6 have used different names, credit cards and email addresses to purchase tickets from Ticketmaster. In addition, Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that these defendants have systematically removed data from the computers they use to access ticketmaster.com, such as by cleaning out the "cookies" on the computers, in a further attempt to elude identification by Ticketmaster as repeat visitors to the site.
- 45. Thus, it was not until recently that Ticketmaster was able to assemble the information necessary to link John and Patrick Higgins with all of these ticket purchases and the related use of prohibited automated devices.

E. <u>Defendants' Misuse And Abuse Has Harmed Ticketmaster's Website And Operations.</u>

46. Ticketmaster has been harmed, and continues to be harmed, by the use of automated devices by Defendants and others. To meet the demands of consumers and its own clients, Ticketmaster must provide an equitable ticket distribution system that affords all consumers a fair opportunity to acquire the best available tickets for events. The use of automated devices undermines this effort, because automated devices can navigate through Ticketmaster's website and reserve and purchase tickets at a speed that legitimate consumers cannot match. As a result, the inventory of tickets available to consumers who do not use such devices is substantially diminished, which has led some consumers to question Ticketmaster's ability to ensure a level playing field for the purchase of tickets.

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- devices inundates the Ticketmaster system with thousands of requests for tickets, and each request causes tickets to be temporarily placed on reserve, even if they are not ultimately purchased. While a ticket is on reserve, it is unavailable to any other user of the site. Not only does this further diminish the inventory of tickets for legitimate consumers, but it impedes Ticketmaster's ability to provide an important service to its clients. Clients use the Ticketmaster system to monitor ticket sales activity to make a variety of decisions, including whether to open more seats for sale to the public or to move the seats to other distribution channels. The artificially high volume of seats revolving in and out of reserve status due to the use of automated devices makes it difficult for Ticketmaster's clients to gauge how well tickets for an event are actually selling, which in turn interferes with the clients' ability to make the ongoing decisions that are based on sales activity.
- 48. In addition, users of automated devices deprive Ticketmaster of revenue and revenue opportunities. For example, Ticketmaster's website is part of a carefully crafted business model that integrates other services and features into the ticket purchasing process. The website is designed so that users will follow certain steps and will be directed to view certain predetermined pages in the process of requesting and purchasing tickets. Based on this expected flow of traffic, Ticketmaster, its clients, and others who place advertisements on Ticketmaster's website offer services and other opportunities on particular pages, ranging from event parking to signing up for client newsletters, all of which present an opportunity for immediate or future revenue. However, automated devices, which do not use traditional browsers, bypass the HTML code for these features, with the result that users of those devices may never even view these offers. These same offenders further exacerbate the problem by purchasing enormous quantities of tickets, which diminishes the ticket inventory for legitimate consumers and reduces

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the number of legitimate consumers who will reach the pages that provide these upsell opportunities.

- 49. Furthermore, by accessing the Ticketmaster system at targeted points, automated devices alter the security features of the website itself. Normally, users receive automatic and temporary permission—in effect, a token—to make requests on the system. That token is automatically revoked if the pace of requests exceeds a certain limit. However, by systematically deleting cookies on the user's system, automated devices enable the user to constantly assume a new identity and acquire new tokens even though that same user is far exceeding the stated request limit.
- 50. All of these problems involve, in one way or another, unauthorized reproduction and alteration of the Ticketmaster system, as well as deletion, destruction and alteration of data on the system.
- 51. Equally important, the use of automated devices diverts resources from the service of legitimate consumers. Ticketmaster must incorporate extraordinary actions to enhance the website infrastructure to enable it to support all of the activity on its website, including all of the artificial and inflated activity generated by the automated devices, and otherwise ensure the ongoing integrity of the website in the face of this onslaught of devices. The use of these prohibited devices also significantly increases the costs of, among other things, data storage, computer processing, troubleshooting and system maintenance.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF Breach Of Contract (Against John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-10)

- 52. Ticketmaster alleges and incorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.
- 53. At all relevant times, the home page and most other pages on ticketmaster.com have informed users that their use of the website is subject to

- express terms and conditions set forth in the Terms of Use, and that by continuing past the page in question, the user expressly and/or impliedly agrees to be bound by those terms. Users have a reasonable opportunity to review the Terms of Use upon first entering the website, and they also have a reasonable opportunity to review the Terms of Use during their use of the site. The link to the Terms of Use is displayed in such a manner as to provide consumers with clear notice of their existence.
- 54. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6, acting for themselves, for each other, and for Higs Tickets, expressly assented to the Terms of Use when setting up accounts on ticketmaster.com and submitting requests to purchase tickets. Ticketmaster is also informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Does 7-10 expressly assented to the Terms of Use when creating accounts on ticketmaster.com and submitting ticket requests.
- 55. The Terms of Use prohibit, among other things, the use of bots and other automated devices, abusive use of the website, and exceeding per-customer ticket limits. These Terms of Use are fair and reasonable.
- 56. Ticketmaster has performed all conditions, covenants and promises required to be performed by it in accordance with the Terms of Use.
- 57. Based on information that Ticketmaster has recently discovered and compiled, Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that for at least the past year, John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6, by use of technology manufactured or otherwise provided by Does 7-10 (themselves also bound by the Terms of Use), have repeatedly and systematically breached the Terms of Use by using bots and other automated devices to access the website and buy tickets, and by buying tickets in quantities that exceed per customer ticket limits.
- 58. Ticketmaster is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that to the extent any of John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 have

- not used automated devices directly, they have each breached the Terms of Use (to which all of the Defendants are bound) by allowing other Defendants to use their identities, credit and debit cards, and Ticketmaster accounts to purchase tickets by the use of automated devices and in quantities that exceed per customer ticket limits.
- 59. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that as part of this misuse of Ticketmaster's website, John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-10 (directly or in concert with other Defendants), repeatedly and systematically requested more than 1000 pages of the website in applicable 24-hour periods, made more than 800 reserve requests in applicable 24-hour periods, and accessed, reloaded or refreshed transactional events or ticketing pages and made other requests to transactional servers more than once during applicable 3-second intervals.
- 60. It can be impracticable and extremely difficult to ascertain the damages from abusive use of Ticketmaster's website. Therefore, Ticketmaster has made a reasonable attempt at a formula for calculating the damages caused by abusive use of its website. The current version of the Terms of Use includes the following liquidated damages provision that includes this formula:

You agree that your abusive use of the Site may cause damage and harm to us, including impaired goodwill, lost sales and increased expenses. You also agree that monetary damages for your abusive use of the Site are difficult to determine and that if you, or others acting with you, request more than 1,000 pages of the Site or make more than 800 reserve requests on the Site in any 24-hour period, you, and those acting with you, will be jointly and severally liable for liquidated damages in the amount of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) for each page request or reserve request made during that 24-hour period which exceeds those limits.

61. Previous versions of the Terms of Use included a substantially identical liquidated damages provision. For example, the immediately prior version stated as follows:

You agree that Abusive Use of the Site, as defined above, causes damage and harm to Ticketmaster in the form of, among other things, impaired goodwill, lost sales, and increased expenses associated with responding to Abusive Use of the Site. You further agree that monetary damages for Abusive Use of the Site are difficult to ascertain and that proof of monetary damages for Abusive Use would be costly and inconvenient to calculate. Accordingly you agree that liquidated damages are warranted for Abusive Use. Therefore, you agree that if you, or others acting in concert with you, alone or collectively request more than 1000 pages of the Site in any twenty-four hour period, you, and those acting in concert with you, will be jointly and severally liable for liquidated damages in the amount of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page request each time that a page request is made after that first 1000 during that twenty-four hour period. You also agree that this will be the measure of damages for any abusive use that occurred prior to this provision of these Terms being in effect.

- 62. Ticketmaster is entitled to liquidated damages in accordance with the foregoing provisions, in an amount to proven at trial when the full extent of these defendants' page requests and reserve requests is ascertained. In addition, Ticketmaster is entitled to compensatory damages, in an amount to be proven at trial, as an alternative to liquidated damages, should the liquidated damages provision be unenforceable for any reason.
- 63. The Terms of Use also provide that Ticketmaster is entitled to injunctive relief to enjoin violations of the Terms of Use. The current version of the Terms of Use provides in part as follows: "You agree that monetary damages may not provide us a sufficient remedy and that we may pursue injunctive or other relief for your violation of these Terms." Previous versions of the Terms of Use have contained a substantially similar, if not identical, provision.
- 64. The conduct of John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-10 has significantly and irreparably damaged Ticketmaster and will continue to do so unless restrained by this Court. Thus, in addition to liquidated damages and other damages for abusive use of its website, Ticketmaster is entitled to the preliminary and permanent injunctive relief prayed for in this Complaint.

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SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF Copyright Infringement, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. (Against John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6)

- 65. Ticketmaster alleges and incorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.
- 66. Ticketmaster owns valid U.S. Copyright registrations in its website and specific portions thereof.
- 67. In using bots, programs, or other automatic devices on the ticketmaster.com website to acquire tickets for the commercial purpose of reselling them, John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 have acted in excess of the terms of the license agreement created by Ticketmaster's Terms of Use, and thereby copied or caused to be copied without authorization pages from the ticketmaster.com site and other original elements of Ticketmaster's copyrighted website.
- 68. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that, to the extent any of these Defendants did not use such automated devices directly, they have induced and materially contributed to the infringing activities of other Defendants, knowing of and directly benefiting from that infringing activity.
- 69. As a proximate result of this direct, contributory, and vicarious copyright infringement, and the inducement of others to infringe Ticketmaster's copyrights by copying pages from ticketmaster.com in excess of its Terms of Use, Ticketmaster has suffered and is suffering significant damage in an amount not presently known with certainty, but which will be proven at trial. Further, Ticketmaster is suffering irreparable harm because of these defendants' infringing activity.
- 70. Ticketmaster is entitled to the range of relief provided by 17 U.S.C. §§ 502-505, including injunctive relief, an order for the impounding and destruction of all copies of all bots, programs, or other automatic devices used by these

defendants to violate Ticketmaster's rights, compensatory damages in an amount to be determined, statutory damages, and its costs and attorneys' fees.

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THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF Copyright Infringement, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. (Against Does 7-10)

- Ticketmaster alleges and incorporates by reference all of the 71. preceding paragraphs.
- Ticketmaster owns valid U.S. Copyright registrations in its website 72. and specific portions thereof.
- 73. In creating, causing the use of, and using bots, programs, or other automatic devices on the ticketmaster.com website to acquire tickets for the commercial purpose of reselling them, Does 7-10 acted in excess of the terms of the license agreement created by Ticketmaster's Terms of Use, and copied, caused to be copied, and induced the copying without authorization of pages from the ticketmaster.com site and other original elements of Ticketmaster's copyrighted website. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that these defendants had the right and ability to supervise the infringing activities of their customers, and induced and materially contributed to the infringing activities of their customers while knowing of and directly benefiting from that infringing activity.
- As a proximate result of this direct, contributory and vicarious 74. copyright infringement by Does 7-10 and their inducement of others to infringe Ticketmaster's copyrights by copying pages from ticketmaster.com in excess of its Terms of Use, Ticketmaster suffered and is suffering significant damage in an amount not presently known with certainty, but which will be proven at trial. Further, Ticketmaster is suffering irreparable harm because of these defendants' infringing activity.

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75. Ticketmaster is entitled to the range of relief provided by 17 U.S.C. §§ 502-505, including injunctive relief, an order for the impounding and destruction of all copies of all bots, programs, or other automatic devices used by these defendants to violate Ticketmaster's rights, compensatory damages in an amount to be determined, statutory damages, and its costs and attorneys' fees.

Violation Of Digital Millennium Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 1201 et seq. (Against John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6)

- Ticketmaster alleges and incorporates by reference all of the 76. preceding paragraphs.
- 77. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 are using bots, programs, or other technology, products, services, devices, components, or parts thereof, that are primarily designed and produced to circumvent the technological measures by which Ticketmaster effectively controls access to its copyrighted website, or, to the extent any of these Defendants are not doing so directly, they are actively participating the use of those devices by other Defendants.
- 78. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that these bots, programs, or other technical devices have no commercially significant purpose or use other than to circumvent the technological measures that Ticketmaster uses to control access to its website, and that these defendants are using those devices with knowledge of that improper purpose.
- Ticketmaster has suffered and is suffering significant damages in 79. an amount not presently known with certainty, but which will be proven at trial, as a proximate result of these defendants' above-referenced misconduct.
- 80. Ticketmaster is entitled to the range of relief provided by 17 U.S.C. §§ 1201-1203, including injunctive relief, compensatory or statutory damages, and its costs and attorneys' fees in an amount to be proven at trial.

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Violation Of Digital Millennium Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 1201 et seq. (Against Does 7-10)

- 81. Ticketmaster alleges and incorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.
- 82. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Does 7-10 are manufacturing, importing, trafficking in and using bots, programs, or other technology, products, services, devices, components, or parts thereof, that are primarily and intentionally designed and produced to circumvent the technological measures by which Ticketmaster effectively controls access to its copyrighted website.
- 83. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that these bots, programs, or other technical devices have no commercially significant purpose or use other than to circumvent the technological measures that Ticketmaster uses to control access to its website, and that these defendants are creating, marketing, trafficking in and using those devices with knowledge that they are being used for that purpose.
- 84. Ticketmaster has suffered significant damages in an amount not presently known with certainty, but which will be proven at trial, as a proximate result of these defendants' actions as described herein.
- 85. Ticketmaster is entitled to the range of relief provided by 17 U.S.C. Sections 1201-1203, including injunctive relief, compensatory or statutory damages, and its costs and attorneys' fees in an amount to be proven at trial.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-10)

86. Ticketmaster alleges and incorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.

- 88. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that these defendants, acting for themselves, for each other, and for Higs Tickets, clicked the "Accept and Continue" button on Ticketmaster's website when setting up online accounts and when completing ticket purchases, thereby representing to Ticketmaster that they would comply with the Terms of Use for the website, and thus that they would not, among other things, use bots or other automated devices, abuse the website, or exceed per-customer ticket limits.
- 89. Each and every such representation was false. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that every time these defendants accessed and used the website, and every time they clicked the Accept and Continue button, they intended to, and did, violate the Terms of Use as described above and that each such instance by these defendants was also done on behalf of each other.
- 90. Moreover, Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that every time each of these defendants accessed and used Ticketmaster's website, they concealed from Ticketmaster their true intent to violate the Terms of Use.
- 91. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that in an attempt to disguise the fact of so many purchases originating from the same source, these defendants misrepresented their identities when interacting with the Ticketmaster website and making many of the ticket purchases at issue.
- 92. Ticketmaster relied on each such representation and omission by providing the information and services available on the website to all of these

94. As a result of these defendants' fraudulent representations and omissions, Ticketmaster sold them tickets that Ticketmaster otherwise could have sold to legitimate users of the site but was unable to due to defendants' misconduct.

and it has been necessary for them to click the Accept and Continue button both

when setting up online accounts and when completing a ticket purchase.

- 95. Moreover, Does 7-10, through their fraudulent representations and omissions, obtained information about the workings and architecture of Ticketmaster's website to assist in their design of prohibited automated devices. They also used Ticketmaster's website to test their devices, which in turn have been used by others to defraud Ticketmaster.
- 96. As a proximate result of this fraudulent misconduct, Ticketmaster has been damaged in an amount to be proved at trial.
- 97. Ticketmaster is informed and believes that the conduct of John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-10 was undertaken with the intent to injure Ticketmaster, or with a willful and conscious disregard of Ticketmaster's rights, and constitutes clear and convincing evidence of oppression, fraud and malice under California Civil Code § 3294. As a result, Ticketmaster is entitled to an award of punitive damages against these defendants in an amount sufficient to deter them from future misconduct.

SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Aiding and Abetting Fraud (Against all Defendants)

98. Ticketmaster alleges and incorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.

99. Insofar as any of John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 did not use bots and automated devices to access Ticketmaster's website but instead lent their accounts, identities, and/or credit and debit cards to other Defendants with actual knowledge that the other Defendants would use them to help carry out their own fraudulent conduct toward Ticketmaster, such Defendants aided and abetted this fraud.

Higs Tickets (which, as defined above, includes both Higs Tickets,

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Inc. and Higs Citywide Tickets, Inc.), in turn, aided and abetted all of this fraud by providing the infrastructure for John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 to make these fraudulent purchases through Ticketmaster, and doing so for the

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purpose of then reselling the fraudulently procured tickets through the Higs Tickets website for a profit.

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misconduct alleged above, in that they had actual knowledge that their customers were acquiring their products and services for the purpose of defrauding

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102. Thus, all of the Defendants are liable for all of the damages and harm that Ticketmaster has incurred by reason of the fraudulent misconduct alleged

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103. Ticketmaster is informed and believes that the conduct of the Defendants was undertaken with the intent to injure Ticketmaster, or with a willful

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EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Inducing Breach of Contract

(Against Higs Tickets, Inc., Higs Citywide Tickets, Inc., and Does 7-10)

- Ticketmaster alleges and incorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.
- At all relevant times, the home page and most other pages on ticketmaster.com have informed users that their use of the website is subject to express terms and conditions set forth in the Terms of Use, and that by continuing past the page in question, they expressly and/or impliedly agree to be bound by those terms. Users have a reasonable opportunity to review the Terms of Use upon first entering the website, and they also have a reasonable opportunity to review the Terms of Use during their use of the site. The link to the Terms of Use is displayed in such a manner as to provide consumers with notice of their existence.
- Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, 106. that Does 7-10 expressly assented to the Terms of Use when setting up accounts on ticketmaster.com and when submitting a request to purchase tickets. Thus, Ticketmaster is informed and believes that Does 7-10 have repeatedly provided their express assent to the Terms of Use.
- 107. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Higs Tickets (which, as defined above, includes both Higs Tickets, Inc. and Higs Citywide Tickets, Inc.) is aware of all of the Terms of Use on ticketmaster.com through the conduct of its principals—defendant John Higgins (and Patrick Higgins as to Higs Tickets, Inc.)—in creating their own Ticketmaster accounts.
- The Terms of Use prohibit, inter alia, the use of bots and other 108. automated devices, abusive use of the website, and exceeding per-customer ticket limits. These Terms of Use are fair and reasonable.

- 110. John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 have repeatedly and systematically breached the Terms of Use by using, individually or collectively, bots and other automated devices to access the website and buy tickets, and by buying tickets in quantities that exceed per customer ticket limits. Ticketmaster is informed and believes that, as part of this misuse of Ticketmaster's website, John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 repeatedly and systematically requested more than 1000 pages of Ticketmaster's website in applicable 24-hour periods, made more than 800 reserve requests in applicable 24-hour periods, and accessed, reloaded or refreshed transactional events or ticketing pages and made other requests to transactional servers more than once during applicable 3-second intervals.
- 111. Does 7-10 knew of the Terms of Use and that those Terms of Use constitute an agreement between Ticketmaster and customers of Does 7-10, including John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6. Moreover, Does 7-10 intended to cause their customers, including John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6, to breach those agreements, or acted in reckless disregard of whether they were causing those customers to breach their agreements with Ticketmaster.
- 112. The conduct of Does 7-10 caused their customers, including John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6, to breach their contracts with Ticketmaster. In fact, the automated devices provided by Does 7-10 were the means by which John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 did in fact breach their contracts with Ticketmaster.
- 113. Higs Tickets also knew of the Terms of Use and that those Terms of Use constitute an agreement between Ticketmaster and John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6. Higs Tickets intended to cause John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 to breach those agreements by providing the infrastructure to

use automated devices on Ticketmaster's website—and doing so for the express purpose of profiting from the subsequent resale of the tickets—while knowing or recklessly disregarding that John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 would procure those tickets from Ticketmaster in a manner that would violate the Terms of Use.

- 114. Higs Tickets' conduct caused John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 to breach their contracts with Ticketmaster.
- 115. Ticketmaster has been harmed as a result, and the conduct of Higs Tickets and Does 7-10 was a substantial factor in causing such harm. The Terms of Use contain a liquidated damages provision described in detail above.
- 116. Ticketmaster is entitled to liquidated damages from Higs Tickets and Does 7-10 and in accordance with that provision, in an amount to proven at trial when the full extent of the requests for pages on Ticketmaster's website by John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 is ascertained. In addition, Ticketmaster is entitled to compensatory damages, in an amount to be proven at trial, for breaches of the Terms of Use should the liquidated damages provision be unenforceable for any reason.
- 117. Ticketmaster is informed and believes that the conduct of Higs Tickets and Does 7-10 was undertaken with the intent to injure Ticketmaster, or with a willful and conscious disregard of Ticketmaster's rights, and constitutes clear and convincing evidence of oppression, fraud and malice under California Civil Code Section 3294. As a result, Ticketmaster is entitled to an award of punitive damages against each of Higs Tickets and Does 7-10 in an amount sufficient to deter them from future misconduct.

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NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Intentional Interference with Contractual Relations (Against Higs Tickets, Inc., Higs Citywide Tickets, Inc., and Does 7-10)

- 118. Ticketmaster alleges and incorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.
- 119. As alleged above, John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 were bound by the Terms of Use on Ticketmaster's website and at all relevant times Higs Tickets (as defined above) and Does 7-10 were aware that John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 were bound by the Terms of Use. Moreover, at all relevant times, Higs Tickets and Does 7-10 were aware of the content of the Terms of Use.
- 120. The Terms of Use prohibit, inter alia, the use of bots and other automated devices, abusive use of the website, and exceeding per-customer ticket limits. These Terms of Use are fair and reasonable.
- 121. Ticketmaster has performed all conditions, covenants and promises required to be performed by it in accordance with the Terms of Use.
- 122. By marketing and selling automated devices to circumvent Ticketmaster's security devices and providing tools and assistance to their customers to enable them to inundate Ticketmaster's website with requests and excess ticket purchases, Does 7-10 intended to disrupt the performance of the contracts between Ticketmaster and John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6, or acted in reckless disregard of whether they would disrupt the performance of those contracts.
- 123. By providing the infrastructure to John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 to use automated devices on Ticketmaster's website, and doing so for the express purpose of profiting from the subsequent resale of the tickets that were procured through the use of automated devices, Higs Tickets intended to disrupt the performance of the contracts between Ticketmaster and John Higgins, Patrick

Higgins, and Does 1-6, or acted in reckless disregard of whether it would disrupt the performance of those contracts.

- 124. John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 have repeatedly and systematically breached the Terms of Use by using, or cooperating in the use of, bots and other automated devices to access the website and buy tickets, and by purchasing tickets in quantities that exceed per customer ticket limits. Ticketmaster is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that as part of this misuse of Ticketmaster's website, John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 repeatedly and systematically requested more than 1000 pages of Ticketmaster's website in applicable 24-hour periods, made more than 800 reserve requests in applicable 24-hour periods, and accessed, reloaded or refreshed transactional events or ticketing pages and made other requests to transactional servers more than once during applicable 3-second intervals.
- 125. The conduct of Higs Tickets and Does 7-10 made it substantially more difficult and expensive for Ticketmaster to perform under those contracts. As alleged in more detail in Paragraphs 46-51 above, these violations have damaged Ticketmaster by, among other things, diminishing the inventory of tickets available through Ticketmaster to legitimate consumers, causing artificially high levels of tickets to be placed on reserve and thereby interfering with the transmission of real time sales information to Ticketmaster's clients, bypassing required website entry and exit points, which directly and indirectly reduces integral revenue opportunities, altering website security features through manipulation of request limit monitoring, requiring Ticketmaster to undertake extraordinary actions to monitor and enhance website infrastructure, and significantly increasing costs of data storage, computer processing, troubleshooting and system maintenance. Thus, the conduct of Higs Tickets and Does 7-10 was a substantial factor in causing harm to Ticketmaster.

126. The Terms of Use contain a liquidated damages provision described in detail above. Ticketmaster is entitled to liquidated damages from Higs Tickets and Does 7-10 in accordance with that provision, in an amount to proven at trial when the full extent of the requests for pages on Ticketmaster's website by John Higgins, Patrick Higgins, and Does 1-6 is ascertained. In addition, Ticketmaster is entitled to compensatory damages, in an amount to be proven at trial, for breaches of the Terms of Use should the liquidated damages provision be unenforceable for any reason.

127. Ticketmaster is informed and believes that the conduct of Higs Tickets and Does 7-10 was undertaken with the intent to injure Ticketmaster, or with a willful and conscious disregard of Ticketmaster's rights, and constitutes clear and convincing evidence of oppression, fraud and malice under California Civil Code Section 3294. As a result, Ticketmaster is entitled to an award of punitive damages against each of Higs Tickets and Does 7-10 in an amount sufficient to deter them from future misconduct.

WHEREFORE, Ticketmaster respectfully requests that the Court:

- 1. Enjoin all Defendants from:
- a. infringing or assisting any other person in infringing Ticketmaster's rights in its copyrighted ticketmaster.com website works as set forth herein by copying pages from that website in excess of the scope of the license granted by the ticketmaster.com Terms of Use;
- b. manufacturing, adapting, modifying, exchanging, distributing, creating, importing, trafficking in, or using any bots, programs or other technology, products, services, devices, components, or parts thereof to circumvent the technological measures by which Ticketmaster controls access to its website;
- c. accessing, visiting, purchasing tickets on, facilitating the purchase of tickets on, or otherwise using ticketmaster.com for any purpose that is

in excess of the agreement formed by the Terms of Use by which users are

2	permitted to visit that website;
3	d. using, or causing, urging or assisting any other person to
4	use, automated means such as bots to access Ticketmaster's website;
5	e. using, or causing, urging or assisting any other person to
6	use, any program that is designed to circumvent security measures such as
7	CAPTCHA to attempt to access Ticketmaster's website;
8	f. designing, selling or marketing any program or device
9	that is designed to provide an automated means of accessing Ticketmaster's website
10	or that is designed to circumvent security measures such as CAPTCHA on
11	Ticketmaster's website;
12	g. soliciting the design, purchase, sale or use of any program
13	or device that is designed to provide an automated means of accessing
14	Ticketmaster's website or that is designed to circumvent security measures such as
15	CAPTCHA on Ticketmaster's website;
16	h. purchasing, selling, transferring or acquiring any program
17	or device that is designed to provide an automated means of accessing
18	Ticketmaster's website or that is designed to circumvent security measures such as
19	CAPTCHA on Ticketmaster's website;
20	i. abusing Ticketmaster's website in any way, such as
21	exceeding limits in the Terms of Use for requesting web pages and making requests
22	to transactional servers more than once during any three-second interval;
23	j. purchasing tickets in excess of per customer and per event
24	ticket limits; and
25	k. reselling any tickets obtained through Ticketmaster that
26	were not obtained legitimately in accordance with the Terms of Use;
27	2. Order that Defendants be required to:
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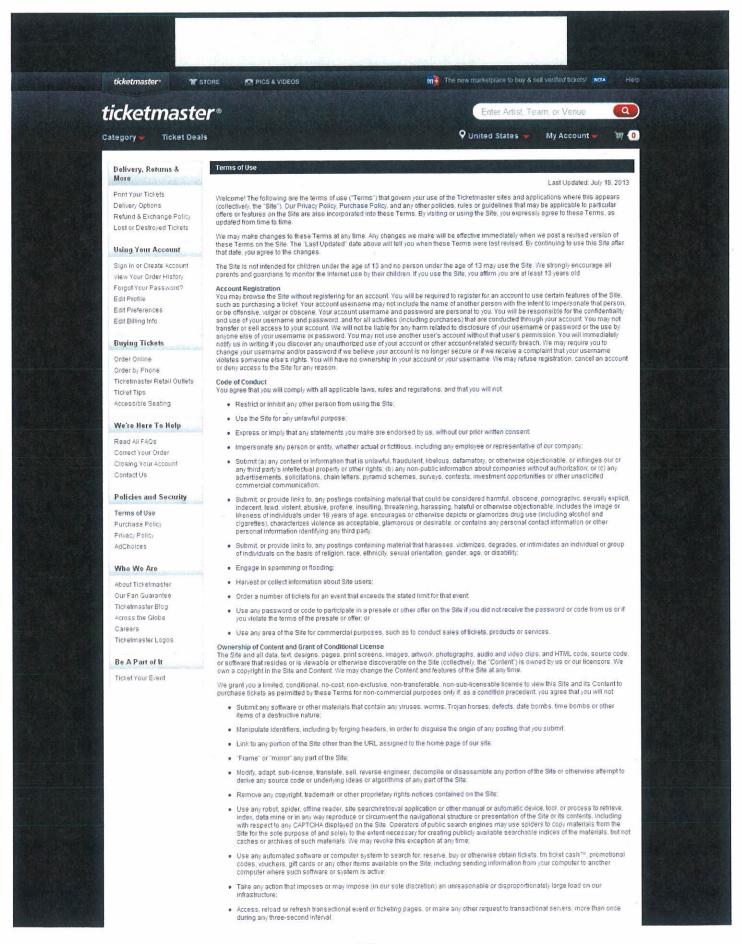
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1	a. account for, hold in constructive trust, pay over to	
2	Ticketmaster, and otherwise disgorge all profits derived by Defendants from their	
3	individual and collective misconduct as alleged herein; and	
4	b. pay to Ticketmaster the costs of this action, together with	
5	reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements, in accordance with federal and	
6	California law, including but not limited to 17 U.S.C. Sections 505 and 1203;	
7	3. Award to Ticketmaster liquidated, compensatory, statutory and	
8	punitive damages; and	
9	4. Award to Ticketmaster all further relief, as the Court deems just	
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EXHIBIT A



- . Request more than 1,000 pages of the Site in any 24-hour period, whether alone or with a group of individuals
- Make more than 800 reserve requests on the Site in any 24-hour period, whether alone or with a group of individuals
- · Reproduce, modify, display, publicly perform, distribute or create derivative works of the Site or the Content
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